IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Lee and McPherron   Art Unit: 1635

Application No.: 09/640,887   Examiner: J.E. Angell

Filed: August 17, 2000   Confirmation No.:   6417

Title: GROWTH DIFFERENTIATION FACTOR-8 NUCLEIC ACID AND POLYPEPTIDE FROM AQUATIC SPECIES, AND TRANSGENIC AQUATIC SPECIES

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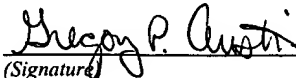
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action mailed on September 22, 2003.

The requested extension is for Two (2) Months, extending the period for response from December 22, 2003 to February 22, 2004.

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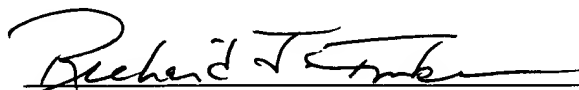
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Months extension of time fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees

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